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**AUG 23 2005**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

**Gerard J. Tate**

**Application No. 10/736,114**

**Filed on December 15, 2003**

**Re Office Action of May 13, 2005**

**Group Art Unit 3677**

**Title: FASTENER FOR USE  
WITH SHOES**

**Examiner Lavinder**

**AMENDMENT**

**Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**Dear Sir:**

**As part of a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Office Action  
dated May 13, 2005, please amend the application identified above as follows:**